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Mall re-opens this week

HOLYOKE – In accordance with announcements made this past weekend by government officials in Massachusetts, Holyoke Mall will open today for on-property retail and restaurants following the official Massachusetts Phase Two guidance. As part of its re-opening, Holyoke Mall will introduce significant changes to its safety and sanitizing policies and procedures, along with Healthy Shopper Guidelines with

MALL, 5

Homework House to host virtual trivia night

HOLYOKE – Join Homework House for a fun and virtual night of general trivia on Thursday, June 18 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the game is family friendly.

The virtual event will provide the opportunity for families to challenge their minds and showcase their knowledge all while enjoying the entertainment of host Bob Charette, ‘Bobby Roast Beef’. Participants will be able to compete as individuals or teams. Team members do not need to be in the same location but all team members must register. A prize for first place will be awarded.

TRIVIA, 11

Colleges announce resource series

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College will jointly host a series of online workshops in June and July for area employers who want to explore programs, services and grant-funded workforce training opportunities to boost their small businesses.

RESOURCE, 11

City works to re-open businesses, recreation

By Shelby Macri
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HOLYOKE – The governor’s re-opening plan includes four phases in order to reopen everything within Massachusetts. The phases include starting to open limited businesses with severe restrictions, opening more business with restrictions and capacity limits, more businesses open with state/city guidance, and finally a development of vaccines or treatments to resume the ‘new normal’ within the state.

Mayor Alex Morse’s Chief of Staff, Mike Bloomberg, explained that the reopening plan

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OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO



The Holyoke High School Class of 2020 had a car parade last Sunday morning starting at the Holyoke Mall and ended at city hall. With graduation delayed and social distancing required, the parade was created to help the class celebrate its graduation. Graduates were able to travel in small groups or with family. Vehicles were decorated and music and horns were blaring as the graduates made their way along the parade route, which was led by the Holyoke Police Department. See more photos page 12.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Holyoke Farmers Market set to open up next week

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HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Farmers Market will be returning and vendors will be opening their tents to the public on Thursday, June 18 to Oct. 29. The Farmers Market will be starting its 41st season of the Summer Market, and has operated at the Veterans Memorial Park from the beginning.

Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the Farmers Market was not listed as essential, which has delayed the season’s opening. There was a lot of media backlash for the decision to not list the farmers market as essential, so the market was

deemed essential and the market organizers got ready to open the tents. Holyoke Farmers Market Manager Sydney Howard explained that they wanted to open the Market for May 21 but had to push the date back to June.

“We’re trying to reopen the market in a safe way, to ensure that our farmers and volunteers are safe along with all the customers,” Howard said. “There are non-profit organizations that help and work with farmers, but the market creates a big opportunity for them.” There are many new regulations and guidelines that need to be obeyed, and the Holyoke Farmers Market is dedicated

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The Holyoke Farmers Market is one of the largest markets available in the region.
Submitted photo

Newly elected State Senator John Velis gets rolling

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John Velis

HOLYOKE – Recently John Velis, of Westfield, became State Senator and now represents the Second Hampden and Hampshire District. Along with the city of Westfield, Velis represents 11 towns and cities. Velis has added Holyoke, Chicopee, Agawam, Easthampton, Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southampton, Southwick, and Tolland to the list of cities he represents.

Velis was sworn in as state senator on May 28. Just 45 minutes later, he was casting his first vote with the senate.

“I have been working non-stop from the second I was sworn in,” Velis said. “It’s great and it’s what I came into office to do. It’s been awesome. And the cool thing about this district is that there are so many different people; and they make up the biggest political spectrum, which is perfect for me. I love it.”

In the two weeks that Velis has been sworn in as a state senator; he’s been to a Board of Selectmen meeting in Tolland, spoke to Mayor Donald Humason Jr. of Westfield and Mayor William Sapelli of Agawam, and he plans on connecting with the mayors of

every new city and town he represents.

Recently Velis met with Representative Alex Vega of Holyoke, and was able to speak with community members in Holyoke, who spoke about the work they’re doing to address food

insecurity and other needs in the city. In addition; Velis met with the President and CEO of Holyoke Medical Center, Spiros Hatiras, who gave updates on the hospital’s status in relation to COVID-19. While addressing this issue, Velis found time to express his gratitude to the Holyoke Medical Center for taking in 40 veteran residents from the Holyoke’s Soldiers Home after the virus struck.

Velis admits his new position is a much larger job that comes with a larger population to represent, but that it’s been a smooth transition thus far and he finds the change cool and is excited for the next step.

Coming from the House of Representatives, Velis has some connections with towns representatives, but is excited to get closer and meet new members of his district.

“I’ve started to connect with town officials, I recently spoke to Mayor Sapelli and he

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Mayor announces winners of MGHPCC Scholarships

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Mayor Alex B. Morse last Friday announced the winners of two scholarship awards totaling \$13,000 from the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC) to Holyoke Public School students. Now in its seventh year, the MGHPCC merit-based scholarship program has awarded more than \$60,000 in grants so far.

“I’m grateful for community partners such as the MGHPCC and its member institutions for their support of the scholarship program, which is just one part of our collaboration around education and workforce training,” said Morse. “Obtaining a post-secondary degree can help lead to higher paying jobs and communities benefit from having a well-pre-

pared labor force.”

“Part of our mission and commitment to Holyoke is to provide educational and training opportunities to local students,” said John Goodhue, Executive Director of the MGHPCC. “The scholarship program is one way that we can help create economic opportunity for deserving students.”

This year’s scholarship recipients are Christiaan Boria, who will attend UMass Amherst as a political science major, and John Shea, who will major in mechanical engineering at Harvard.

“Christiaan and John are hard-working students who have persevered through the uncertainty of the last few months to keep up with their studies. I have every confidence these two young

people will succeed in their college careers and beyond,” said Dr. Stephen Zrike, Superintendent of Holyoke Public Schools. “They have been ably helped by the Holyoke Public School teachers, staff and guidance department, which has worked tirelessly to help our students navigate the college process during this time of crisis.”

The MGHPCC scholarship program is open to any Holyoke Public School student enrolling at one of the five founding institutions of the MGHPCC: Boston University, Harvard University, Northeastern University, MIT or UMass. It is open to students in any major and not limited to students of computer science or other scientific disciplines. Recipients are chosen based on an 800-

word essay answering the question, “What do you see as the three biggest challenges currently facing Holyoke, and what would you do to address them?”

In addition to sponsoring the scholarship program, the MGHPCC works with the mayor’s office, Holyoke Public Schools, Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College and local community service organizations to host internships, robotics competitions, teacher workshops, after-school classes, programming courses, career awareness days and summer camps.

To watch the ceremony via Zoom honoring the students, go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=582531385983827>

NEXT PHASE BEGINS



Tents are set up outside of Partners Restaurant on Springfield Street in Agawam last weekend as the restaurant, like a few others in town, prepare to get permits to have outdoor dining temporarily as the state’s re-opening plan allows outdoor dining in the second phase.

Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

USDA announces next sign-up period for updated Conservation Stewardship Program

AMHERST – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that the next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2020 is June 26, 2020. USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest up to \$725 million nationwide for new enrollments and contract extensions in fiscal year 2020.

“CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals,” said Dan Wright, NRCS Massachusetts State Conservationist. “It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled.”

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by June 26, 2020, to ensure their applications are considered for 2020 funding.

The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level. Some important improvements to the program include:

- NRCS now enrolls eligible, high ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For fiscal 2020, NRCS

can spend up to \$725 million in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.

- Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.

- CSP now provides specific support for organic and transitioning to organic production activities, and a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.

CSP is offered through continuous sign-ups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.

For more information and to apply, contact your local USDA-NRCS office: Hadley field office – 413-585-1000, ext. 3, serving Hampden and Hampshire counties.

NRCS is a federal agency that works hand-in-hand with conservation districts and the people of Massachusetts to improve and protect soil, water and other natural resources.

Harvard Pilgrim Foundation awards nearly \$230,000 in grants

WORCESTER – A total of 25 central and Western Massachusetts nonprofits have received nearly \$230,000 from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation for COVID-19 relief efforts.

Among those to receive grant funding is Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen & Pantry in Chicopee and Greater Springfield Senior Services Inc.

“Now more than ever it is so critical to support our communities and organizations who are providing services to those residents of central and western Mass. impacted by COVID-19,” said Patrick Cahill, vice president, Massachusetts market lead for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, parent company of Harvard Pilgrim Foundation. “The

impact of this pandemic is enormous and right from the start we responded to the immediate needs facing nonprofit partners and communities. We are very grateful to all who are helping to feed and care for our community members, and we are committed to supporting them in the weeks and months ahead.”

Other recipients as part of Harvard Pilgrim Foundation’s COVID-19 Assistance Fund include Gardening the Community, of Springfield, Nuestras Raices Inc., of Holyoke, and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation committed more than \$3.5 million in initial grants for COVID-19 relief efforts in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut.

UMassFive extends personalized assistance to those facing income reduction

HADLEY – While the COVID-19 pandemic continues, many employers are facing difficult choices in regards to staffing, and reduction of operation. As furloughs and layoffs are announced, UMassFive College Federal Credit Union (UMassFive) would like to remind those facing loss of income that they are here to help.

One-on-One Phone Consultations

UMassFive is committed to answering questions and helping members understand the options available to them throughout this ongoing time of economic uncertainty. Members, as well as those looking to work with the Credit Union, are encouraged to reach out for one-on-one phone consultations with the Credit Union’s knowledgeable staff by calling 800-852-5886.

Emergency Relief Payment Deferral

UMassFive is offering loan payment deferral for up to three months on all qualified consumer loans. Members can visit umassfive.coop/Emergency-Relief to learn which loans qualify, and to submit their Emergency Relief Payment

Deferral requests through an easy-to-fill-out web form.

GreenPath Financial Coaching

GreenPath is an additional complimentary service UMassFive offers, which includes assistance in creating and managing debt management plans. To find more information about these services, please visit umassfive.coop/resources/greenpath-financial-coaching.

Reduced Rates for Short-Term Personal Loans

As a way to make things a little easier for qualified borrowers who decide to take on some short-term debt to address their current needs, UMassFive has temporarily lowered the rate of all new personal loans to 5.99 percent APR for amounts of \$2,000 or less. New and existing members can apply for this loan online at www.umassfive.coop/personal-loan. After signing up (for new users), or logging in, applicants should select “Fixed-Term Loan,” then “Loan Special” and continue filling out the form until fully submitted. The Credit Union strongly encourages seeking alternative options before taking on additional debt.

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Make sure to communicate with creditors during pandemic

REGION – Be safe, stay in your home, pay what you can, and let your landlord, bank, utility, know if you cannot pay right now.

“If you can’t pay all your bills during this pandemic, make sure you let your creditors—landlord, bank, utility, credit card, loan, etc. know.” That is the key message from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission’s Regional Housing Committee. The group met this week to advance initiatives across the region designed to keep people in their homes during the pandemic.

The Massachusetts legislature has put a halt to non-emergency residential evictions and foreclosures during

the pandemic. Every step of the eviction process is blocked until August 18 or until 45 days from the lifting of Governor Baker’s declaration of emergency, whichever comes first. This legislation has been recognized as the best in the country to protect people from losing their homes, but regional housing advocates are worried that people won’t fully understand how the law works. First, the law does not forgive the rent. If rent is not paid and there is no payment agreement set up, a landlord can still evict after the temporary eviction shut-down is over. Second, in order for tenants to avoid late fees and reports to credit reporting agencies, ten-

ants need to let their landlords know, in writing every month, that the failure to pay rent is due to financial hardship because of COVID-19. Additionally, the law states that a mortgage forbearance applies to owner-occupied dwellings up to four units, and also requires a written notification to the lenders that the failure to pay a mortgage is due to financial hardship because of COVID-19. Mortgage payments would then be delayed until the end of the loan.

The PVPC regional housing committee urges people to pay what you can and talk to your landlord, mortgage holder or other creditors to whom you are temporarily unable to make pay-

ment because of the pandemic. Banks and other lien holders can offer temporary forbearance on residential mortgages. If you can’t afford to pay your rent in full, assistance can be available for eligible households through a special state program. For more information, contact Way Finders at 413-233-1600 or go to wayfindersma.org/resources.

The ability to pay rent, mortgage, or utilities should not jeopardize your health or well-being during this public health emergency. But be sure to pay what you can and seek assistance now so that you will not face eviction once the eviction ban is over.

Baystate: Don’t skip child visits, vaccinations during Covid-19

SPRINGFIELD – It’s a message that all parents and caregivers need to hear: Don’t skip your child’s vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Since March, we have been seeing the rate of under-immunized infants double from 25 percent to 50 percent. This means that in our community, 50 percent of babies under 18 months old have not completed their immunization series,” says Dr. Chrystal Wittcopp, medical director of pediatrics at Baystate High Street Health Center.

Statewide, the Massachusetts Department of Health has reported a 68 percent decrease in pediatric vaccinations.

“Although COVID-19 is a very serious illness and can affect children, the illnesses to protect against with vaccinations are more common and more harmful as far as we can tell for young children. It is critical to still protect them against those diseases in this COVID era,” said Wittcopp.

Missing important vaccinations puts

children at risk of preventable diseases such as measles, whooping cough, meningitis and other life threatening illnesses. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that for children born between 1994 and 2018, immunizations will prevent about 419 million illnesses, 8 million hospitalizations and 936,000 early deaths.

So, why are parents skipping child wellness visits, which often include necessary vaccinations?

“They are concerned for their child and themselves that they might pick up the novel coronavirus while visiting their pediatrician’s office. But, we have taken every precaution to keep our offices safe for our young visitors and their parents,” said Dr. John O’Reilly, chief, general pediatrics, Baystate Children’s Hospital.

At Baystate’s pediatric primary care practices, new safety and infection control procedures are in place, including: all individuals being asked questions regarding health symptoms; giving hand sanitizer and surgical mask; temperature mon-

itoring; spread out appointments to minimize the number of people in waiting areas and only one adult may accompany a pediatric patient. Potentially sick children are separated from healthy patients/patrons.

During the early months of a baby’s life, they receive key infant immunizations to protect them from common childhood diseases such as whooping cough, common blood infections, and pneumonia. Babies are susceptible to whooping cough – a disease that can be fatal for them but prevented with vaccination. At age one, babies receive their first measles vaccine.

“We know that there have been measles outbreaks across the United States and Massachusetts in the last several years. It is still in our community and it is important to protect them,” said Wittcopp.

As children grow to ages 4 and 5, their immunizations begin to wear off. It is important for them to have a booster dose to continue protection against those diseases, especially as they increase

exposure at school.

At age 11, children receive another booster vaccine for tetanus and whooping cough to protect them through middle and high school. At that visit, they also receive vaccines against a type of meningitis seen in teens and young adults and against HPV, a virus that can cause cancer in both males and females. Teens will later get a second booster vaccine for meningitis and HPV to be sure they are fully protected.

“We are here. We are seeing patients in person and via telehealth. If you have questions or concerns, call us and we will find the best way to get your child the most appropriate care,” said Wittcopp.

Baystate High Street Health Center Pediatrics will be holding vaccine-only clinics on select Saturdays in June to provide access to those families who have difficulty coming into the office during the week.

For more information, call 413-794-2525 or visit Baystate Health Children’s Hospital at baystatehealth.org/bch.

Ice cream personality to host Jimmy Fund Bingo Night

BOSTON – Enjoy some family fun with the Jimmy Fund Bingo Night Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m. The live online game will be hosted by Ben & Jerry’s co-founder Jerry Greenfield and co-hosted by Sean Greenwood. The game will take place on the Jimmy Fund’s Facebook page.

To participate in the Jimmy Fund Bingo Night, a \$10 or more donation is suggested. Participants will receive

three cards. Confirmation details will be emailed to all participants prior to Friday evening. Winners of each round will receive fun prizes, including the Jimmy Fund Bingo “Champ” T-shirt provided by Chowdaheadz. All participants will be entered to win the grand prize.

For more information or to get Bingo cards, visit jimmyfund.org/events.

BHN offers treatment for substance use

SPRINGFIELD – Behavioral Health Network announced the opening of a new outpatient clinic for the treatment of substance use disorders on its Liberty Street campus. The clinic offers medically supervised methadone in addition to suboxone, vivitrol, other FDA approved medications and counseling.

BHN offers a full continuum of care and services in Springfield for those in addiction recovery. Recovery programs include acute treatment (detox), residential recovery homes, clinical stabilization, outpatient treatment and Driver Alcohol Education services.

The new clinic will serve those who have started medication treatment

for their addiction in other health care facilities or can be a first step in starting medication treatment for their addiction. FDA-approved medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies will provide a “whole-patient” approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.

The new clinic will be open seven days per week and is located at 395 Liberty St., sharing building space with other BHN programs. The campus also houses a crisis center, The Living Room, other 24-hour treatment programs, an adult outpatient clinic, care coordination and outreach services, and administrative offices.

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Editorial

When barn swallows rule the roost

By Joan E. B. Coombs
Guest Columnist



Looking at life from a bird's eye view is a unique perspective. A bird's eyesight far surpasses normal, human eyesight. And, a barn swallow can spy from the sky a spec of a meal. Dive to dine. Swoop. Scoop. Done deal. Fast food. Meal appeal.

As tiny, yet as mighty as barn swallows are, they are experts at winging it. Everything. As a matter of fact, there have been and still are times when they absolutely "rule the roost." In plain words, they are the dominating and principle owner of any place they perch and plan to settle their brood to-be.

Also, like children, barn swallows play in fields, meadows and barnyards. After late spring and early summer rains, they kid around in mud puddle pools. Then, as grown up, work-a-birds, they craft mud-grass nests that invariably get plastered against a building, or hung out in a barn nook, or tucked under eaves. Their nests are built specifically, annually, however, and wherever they intend to rule the roost. Their realm. They rule.

And, for the third year, any and all attempts at maintaining a private entry, free from the 30-40 mile per hour takeoff and landing flight patterns have failed. Neither barn-red broom brush, nor shiny, reflecting tree-trim wrapped on the under-the-eaves, light post fixture – only one foot from the front door – has deterred their roost!

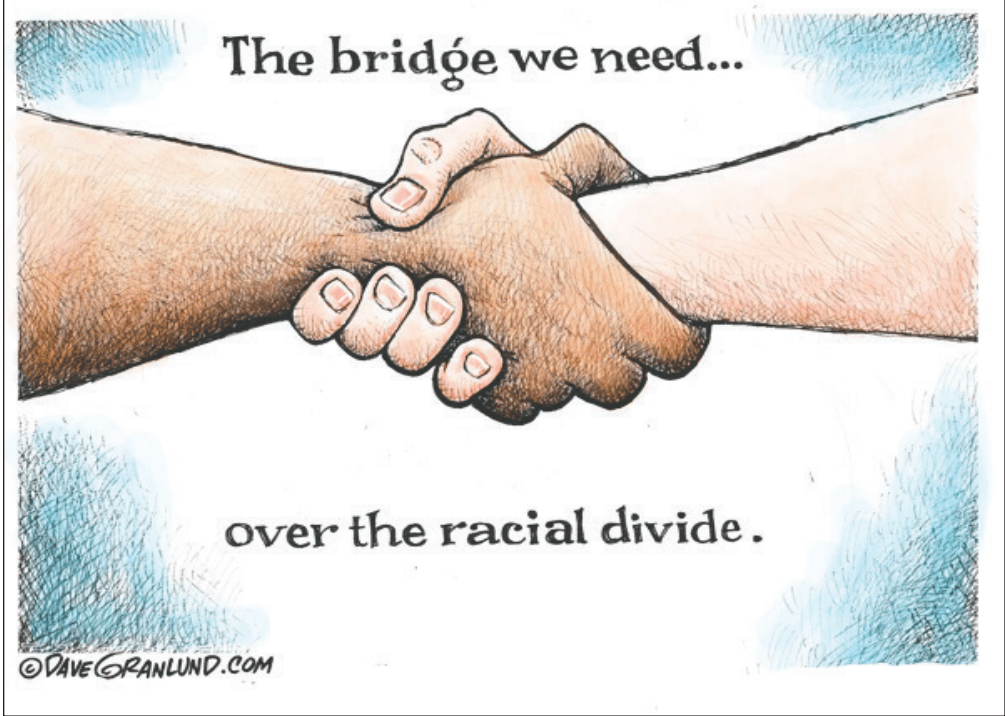
Enter and exit barn swallows: birds that are often monogamous-partners soaring, darting and spending hundreds of hours creating

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Eggs of barn swallows, captured by the author's husband, will soon hatch and bring about more "rulers of the roost."

Photo submitted



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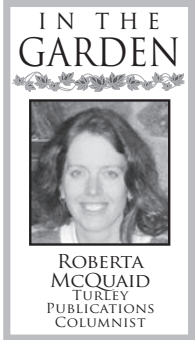
Spring border is ripe with the color blue

By high summer there are very few perennial flowers blooming in shades of blue. We best enjoy them now, while we can. Blue flowers abound in the late spring border! You could easily design a monochromatic scheme using just cool tones. Here are my selections:

For the back of the border, try Amsonia tabernaemontana. This native plant is topped with clusters of pale blue flowers, each one opening to form a tiny star, hence its common name, blue star. Growing to around three feet tall and not quite as wide, Amsonia almost qualifies for "specimen" status, although it is not as showy as other specimens like peony or dictamnus. Only one plant is necessary per grouping in full sun or part shade. In my garden, it self-sows, but not usually enough to make itself a nuisance.

Another plant best suited for the back row of the perennial garden is Baptisia australis, or false indigo. Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like flower spikes emerge in mid-June. Easily four feet tall and three feet wide, Baptisia is a nice specimen perennial; one plant is certainly enough per grouping. The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually puny and take a couple of seasons to establish. Site false indigo in full sun or part shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its deep tap root may be compromised. Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn floral arrangements.

One of my favorite blue flowers is



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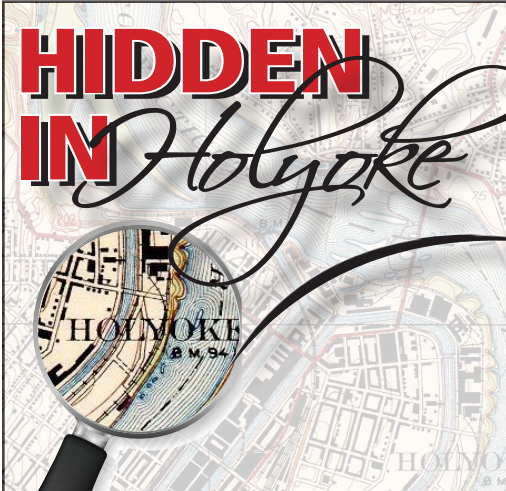
Aquilegia vulgaris. Although there are many cultivars of garden columbine, we grew the species variety at Old Sturbridge Village. It can be found in white, pink, maroon, purple, blue and almost black. Ours tended to be mostly blue in a hue hard to describe, perhaps more royal blue than purple-blue. If the color is hard to describe, the flower shape is even more difficult; maybe something along the

lines of nodding bells with reflexed sepals? Lobed leaves are another attractive feature of this plant, although vigilance against the dreaded leaf miner is a must in order to keep it looking good. Here too, full sun or partial shade will grow decent two-foot to two-and-a-half-foot wispy plants, a size perfect for the middle row of the border.

Mountain bluet, or perennial bachelor button, as it is sometimes called, is one of my most treasured perennials. There is nothing rare about Centaurea montana, or even all that unique about it. I just plain like its oversized cornflowers and their lovely true blue shade. For years I managed to keep a clump going; it finally succumbed to chipmunks who demolished the plant trying to get at the flowers and seed pods. At 18 inches tall it is another plant best suited to the middle row of the garden. Plant in full sun or slight shade for best results. Cut back after it is done flowering for a chance at late season rebloom.

If you are still in need of more blue flowers, there are also numerous iris, lavender, campanula and spiderwort cultivars waiting to be discovered. Have fun planning

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Each week, *The Holyoke Sun* will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. If more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact *The Holyoke Sun* at 413-283-8398.



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Steve Jobs

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The Holyoke Police Department recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, June 2

Louis E. Gajales, 24, of 36 Resnic Blvd, Holyoke, was arrested on a default warrant at 11:57 a.m.

Wednesday, June 3

Ryck Crabtree, 29, of 20 Easthampton Rd., Apt. B10, Holyoke, was arrested for assault and battery on a family/household member, assault and battery on a person age 60 and over, and unarmed robbery at 6:40 a.m.

Friday, June 5

Dalisha Ruiz, 20, of 321 Beech St, Apr. 3R, Holyoke, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a pregnant victim, and motor vehicle malicious damage at 10:35 a.m.

Josue Sanchez, Colon, 24, of 110 Elmer Dr, Chicopee, was arrested for disorderly conduct at 4:50 p.m.

Alexis Figueroa, 42, of 396 Tokeneke Rd, Holyoke, and Ernie Muriel-Pastrana, 40, of 164 Sargeant St, Apt. 4B, Holyoke, were arrested for drug possession Class A, and trespassing at 9:48 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

Selma Espada, 43, of 33 Meadow St., Holyoke, was arrested on a probation warrant at 11:55 a.m.

Diana Rogers Spurgin, 60, of 67 Tanglewood Rd., Amherst, was arrested on a default warrant at 1:27 p.m.

Jeffrey Desrosiers, 32, of 99 Clayton Dr., West Springfield, was arrested for disorderly conduct and leaving the scene of a property damage incident at 1:48 p.m.

GARDEN, from page 4

a cool border this summer. Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the

last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations everyone must follow prior to entering the property. Holyoke Mall will operate under modified hours of operation, Monday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. “Our preparations over the past two months have truly put the safety and well-being of our guests, tenants and employees first,” said Aiden McGuire, Director of Corporate Communications, Pyramid Management Group. “We are excited to welcome guests back with enhancements to our safety and sanitizing policies and procedures, along with Healthy Shopper Guidelines all visitors must follow prior to visiting the property. Together, we can all do our part to put safety first.”

What’s New:

Guests will be greeted with a wide range of safety and sanitizing policies and procedures, all designed to make Holyoke Mall as safe as possible for its employees, tenants and guests. They include:

- Face Mask Requirement: Everyone visiting Holyoke Mall will be required to wear a face mask, in accordance with New York State and CDC guidelines.
- Social Distancing: All guests will be reminded to maintain social distancing and stay 6-feet apart with visual reminders placed throughout the center, along with new one-way directional signage to avoid contact with other guests.
- Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitizing: Holyoke Mall has enhanced its cleaning and sanitizing of the common areas and numerous touch points, restrooms, seating areas, and food court. This includes using CDC-recommended disinfectants designated as effective against SARS-CoV-2 virus in accordance with or exceeding CDC sanitation guidelines.
- Proactive Touchless Disinfecting: Holyoke Mall cleaning team will be utilizing new electrostatic sprayers, leveraging the same technology used to clean hospital rooms to sanitize its center using an approved disinfectant recommended

by the CDC.

- Hand Sanitizer Stations: New hand sanitizer stations will be available at:
- Digital directories throughout the property
- Food court areas
- Elevators and escalators
- Throughout the common area
- Curbside Pickup: Several restaurants are offering curbside pick-up including Uno’s Pizzeria & Grill, Sumo Japanese Steakhouse and The Greek Place. While Target is open for shopping, they also still offer curbside pick-up. Macy’s and Best Buy are offering curbside pick-up as well.
- Daily Health Screenings for Holyoke Mall employees, security, housekeeping employees and all contractors returning.

In addition, Holyoke Mall has created “Healthy Shopper Guidelines” with CDC recommendations that everyone must follow prior to entering the property. They include:

1. Face masks or coverings must be worn by everyone.
2. Refrain from touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
3. Keep a safe distance from other people, a minimum of 6 feet.
4. Stay to the right and follow the one-way traffic arrows throughout the property.
5. Wash your hands with soap and warm water frequently and for at least 20 seconds.
6. Use hand sanitizer stations located throughout the property.
7. Avoid standing in lines and keep a safe distance from other people.
8. Avoid touching products you do not intend to purchase.
9. Please assess your health before visiting. Avoid entering this building if you have, or recently have had, symptoms associated with COVID-19: a temperature greater than 100.00°F, cough, body aches, rash, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, etc.
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Poetry Corner

All You Can Do Is Your Best

by Thomas J. Kennedy

All God expects from you... Do your best
Whatever that is – Is however can change
Your here, How long what year...
Good values grow in spirituality maturity
As all rights have equal responsibilities.
Every possession has a value duty
And every opportunity has a fulfilled obligation.
Others first in thoughts and needs
So many poor and unseen as you walk by.
Not only in hanging beads...
We all fall short of this.
Whatever they say: Don’t react
You have purpose and meaningful meaning.
Now go out and make your contribution in some way.
Even a smile will do...
Go out and love and pray – Start today
Be a friend, now and forever
But put God your number # 1
As He wants you to have fun.
Now let us look at this –
Family – Forever acting morally in love yearly
Sin – Someone in need
GOD – Goodness on Demand
Peace, Love and Joy!

SWALLOWS, from page 4

a mud-pie-thatched nest for the coming brood. The batch of three to eight eggs needs at least two to three weeks of incubation before they hatch. About

three weeks later they can fly from the nest as fledglings. Enter and exit humans: who knock on the front door when leaving. “We gotta let them know when we’re going out. ‘Don’t want to startle them and have bird’s nest bombshells all over.

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MARKET, from page 1

to sticking to every rule for everyone's benefit. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources gave Howard and her team a list of regulations and essential services to adhere to.

Public health officials and city officials can close the Farmers Market if there is an issue, so market coordinators had to work with city officials to ensure that the Market could be open. The market will be open from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday this season. The market will look different from last year

for the simple reason that COVID-19 has changed the regulations. Typically, vendors are closer together and the customers are able to roam the market while they shop.

This year, there will be one entrance and one exit. Vendors will be set up at least six feet apart and there will be stakes set into the ground in front of the vendors to market the one-way flow of the market easier for customers. There will be a line outside of the market with tape and traffic cones marking spots in line that are six feet apart, the vendors will be set up facing the line, and will

have signs of their products along the line to help people decide what they want to buy as they wait. There will be volunteers working the market while wearing masks and gloves, and they will let people into the Market and count to keep track of how many people are in the market at a time.

Customers are required to wear masks and hand sanitizer will be offered at the entrance as well as throughout the market for customer and vendor safety. Along with this precaution, customers will not be allowed to touch the produce offered. Instead the customer will be able to view the produce, and point to which one they desire, then the vendor will handle the food and check out the customer. These two steps will be handled at different sections of the vendors booth to avoid close contact.

Customers are encouraged to pay with their card, Venmo or other money apps rather than cash, to cut back on the cross contamination. Also checks are not accepted.

"With the one way flow it will be a slower process and people won't be able to return to a vendor once they've passed them," Howard said. "The vendors are set up parallel to the customers lined up on the sidewalk, so they can see products before entering. Hopefully this will help them while shopping and will increase the chances of moving through the Market without issues." Howard also explains that each booth will have a double wide table between the vendor and customer to keep up the six feet distance within the market. When customers get to the first stake in front of the vendor they will pick out their products, then they will move to the second stake to pay for their merchandise. Programs such as HIP and SNAP are also accepted as payment at the Farmers Market, but there must be money on the card already. In order to offer these services, farmers need to be signed up with the food programs, currently there are only two vendors who

are signed up. I vendor is currently as the Market and the second vendor will arrive at the Market in July.

The rules for the Farmers Market include: Wearing a mask for all participants including volunteers, vendors, and customers, no reusable bags allowed, customers can't touch items until they've purchased them, volunteers and vendors must wear gloves, leave pets at home as they encourage people to break the six foot distance, and no food or drink allowed in the market area. There will be a food truck and ice cream truck outside of the market for customers to visit before going home.

"It's been a moving target to set up the market over the pandemic, so we will be keeping up with CDC and local Board of Health guidelines," Howard said. "We're hopeful that the restrictions will lessen, but we'll be open and running throughout the summer." Howard is hopeful for the turn out and is excited to have the Market back up and running, as many people were requesting their presence throughout quarantine. The Holyoke Farmers Market posts updates to its Facebook Page, and for more information people can email HolyokeFarmersMarket@holyokeychamber.com



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The market is set to get going on June 18.

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Senior softball celebrated

HOLYOKE – Though it has been a struggle during the past few years, the Holyoke High School softball team was set to have a lot of experience in the field with several seniors returning to the lineup this season. The Holyoke

seniors are: Hannah Boucher-Hendricks, Marilian Colon-Martinez, Jordan Dudas, Cheyenne Dunn, Patricia Haradon, Daisha Heredia, Rashel Mateo Baerga, Nayelis Moret Salamo and Brianne Villemarie.

Right, Pitcher Marilian Colon-Martinez fires to the plate. Far right, Patricia Haradon pitches for Holyoke against Ludlow during action last year. Below, Cheyenne Dunn tries to field a throw at second. Below right, Hannah Boucher-Hendricks swings at a pitch for the Knights.

File photos



Spec Pond League will have no fans to start season

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WILBRAHAM – One of first youth sports the area could see will be based out of Spec

Pond in Wilbraham sometime next month.

Only this summer, it could look a lot different for a while.

For several years, the Spec Pond Summer Basketball has

been both a nightly and a weekend gathering place for many young basketball players and their families, which utilize the surrounding amenities during games.

Bryan Litz, the director of Wilbraham Parks and Recreation, organizes the league each year. He welcomes many teams from out of town, including Agawam, Southwick, Springfield, Ludlow, Belchertown, Ware, Chicopee, Palmer, and even as far as Sturbridge.

There are divisions ranging from third and fourth graders all the way up to the high school level. There are both boys and girls teams and the typical night has games being played every hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the two outdoor courts. Area schools are utilized in the event games must be made up due to rain.

The season carries on through July and early August and then playoffs happen in mid-August with the championships concluding right before the start of youth football season.

Litz confirmed the league is planning to start if and when the state enters Phase 3, which is

Kolodzieys ready to start PVSSL in Phase 3

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LUDLOW – As the picture becomes clearer, it looks like we will have summer soccer in the Pioneer Valley for high school students.

High school students have been away from one another since March 16, which essentially all education was shut down throughout the Commonwealth. Eventually, all recreation and activity was shut down as well.

Last Saturday, Gov. Charlie Baker announced the provisions of Phase 2 of the re-opening plan as Massachusetts continues to stay on a good course with lowering numbers of coronavirus cases, deaths, and hospitalizations.

With the start of Phase 2, the “cautious” step, the



The Spec Pond Summer Basketball League is planning to have basketball this summer once Phase 3 of the re-opening plan begins in Massachusetts.

File photos

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Commemorative coins on sale now to fund education programs

SPRINGFIELD – Located in the Birth City of Basketball, Springfield, Mass., the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level. Since the Basketball Hall of Fame opened its doors in 1959, it has operated as a not for profit organization relying on the generosity of others to preserve the legacy of the game. On Thursday, June 4, basketball fans will have the opportunity to own a piece of basketball history and support the Hall of Fame with the purchase of a newly launched commemorative coin.

This milestone concludes a multi-year effort by Congressman Richard Neal, Congressman Andy Barr, and Senators Elizabeth Warren and the late John McCain, along with countless Hall of Fame members, to make this coin a reality. “This endeavor has been years in the making and we couldn’t be more excited to be launching a commemorative coin with the U.S. Mint this week,” said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “These coins are a unique opportunity for fans to own a piece of

basketball history while supporting the Hall and the game itself, as the funds generated will allow us to bolster our endowment, educational programs and ever-growing portfolio of events.” To commemorate this historic day, the Hall of Fame offered a limited quantity of coins for sale to the general public on June 4 from noon to 2 p.m. Coins will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and orders will be limited to one coin type/finish per person, while supplies last. Customers should enter the South Side of the property (Hilton Garden Entrance) where Hall of Fame

staff will provide instructions. State of Massachusetts directives regarding Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Mintage for this commemorative coin program is limited to 50,000 \$5 gold coins, 400,000 silver dollar coins, and 750,000 half dollar coins. Coin prices include surcharges of \$35 for each gold coin, \$10 for each silver coin, and \$5 for each half-dollar coin, which are authorized to be paid to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to fund an endowment that will enable increased operations and educational programming.

2020 Bay State Summer Games events cancelled through July

REGION – All Bay State Games events originally scheduled for May 30 through July 26 will be cancelled in consideration for the health and well-being of all athletes, officials, coaches, medical staff, and volunteers. The challenges and uncertainty that COVID-19 has presented prevent the organization from appropriately planning, organizing, and producing events in 30 different sports this year.

This summer, Bay State Games was set to celebrate its 39th annual Summer Games. Due to multiple venue cancellations, the inability to conduct team sport tryouts in June, decisions by sport governing bodies to suspend competitions, medical committee concerns, as well as other factors, the Summer Games will not be able to proceed as scheduled. “We are committed to the health and well-being of our constituents. It is of the

utmost importance to keep everyone safe during these unprecedented times,” says Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “While this was a very difficult decision, we believe it is appropriate given the unprecedented impact this pandemic has had on everyone, as well as our ability to produce events this year” Bay State Games remains hopeful that some events may proceed in the fall if and when it is safe to do so. Sport

pages on the Bay State Games website will be updated with information as it becomes available. All athletes who have registered for the 2020 Summer Games will be refunded for their registration fee. If the sport you wish to compete in can be held in the fall of 2020, it will require a new registration. For more information, please visit www.baystategames.org. Please direct all questions and inquiries to info@baystategames.org.

Valley Wheel Baseball league looking at early July open

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans

on gatherings are lifted. The league is projecting tryouts in late June with an early July start to the game schedule. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be take place as soon as conditions are allowed, but new player applications are still being accepted.

Senior athletes being featured in The Holyoke Sun sports section

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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic. The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us. We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are

still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring’s season. We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper. All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn’t.

Quabbin Over-30 Baseball League hoping for mid-July start

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season

going forward. Sign-ups should resume soon. Based on the governor’s re-open plan, the league is aiming for a start to the season in mid-July with a modified schedule. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

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Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is making plans for its return to action. Just a few weeks ago, the coordinators of the league, Chris and Diana Kolodziej, were noncommittal about whether or not there would be a season due to the uncertainty surrounding the re-opening and whether it would have to be delayed or scaled back. However, they were always hopefully of having a season, even with a delayed start. Normally, the season would start next week, but games will start under Phase 3, called Vigilant. Teams, in groups 10 and under, can start practicing, however, and the Kolodzieys are taking registrations and starting to organize a schedule that would start sometime shortly after June 30.

So far, the governor’s plan has gone according to the three-week schedule projects for it, which puts Phase 3 on target for that date. The summer soccer season would likely last at least four weeks through to the end of July, but could also go into August. Diana Kolodziej said that is still being determined. In their preparations for the upcoming season, the Kolodzieys have also pulled the trigger on a brand new website, www.pioneervalleyssummersoccerleague.com. The new site has a new way of registering teams and is designed to move most of the operations online, such as schedul-

ing and reporting scores and other league information. The Kolodzieys say will be looking out for the guidance from the governor’s office on exactly how Phase 3 will be implemented as they look to start the season as soon as possible. “Our goal is to get players playing and keep everyone safe,” the website states. “So we are looking at a quick turnaround to begin play once we get a thumbs up from the Governor’s Office. We want the league to be ready to go quickly once this happens.” Teams interested in participating in the league should begin signing up as soon as possible and can email kolodziej@msn.com for more information. Teams are encouraged to communicate with their school and/or recreation department regarding field availability. On the new website, there is a link with new rules and regulations for 2020. There will be additional information about such things as social distancing and other safety precautions for the 2020 season. The league is planning to have both the high school and adult seasons. Based on communications with the various teams that are regularly involved, the Kolodzieys very much want the 2020 summer season to happen. “Based on the overwhelming feedback we have received,” the website states. “Many teams want to move forward and play understanding that we are up against some unfamiliar challenges. The site states there will be a “condensed” season, but it unclear how many regular games will be played.

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currently on track to happen on June 30. While Phase 3 lists “limited crowds” as part of the ability to resume athletic contests at the youth level, Litz has said the main parameter of starting the season will be that no fans will be allowed. “There will be a maximum of three coaches on the bench and at games,” said Litz. “But once we see what guidance the state gives, then we will also implement other rules.” The Spec Pond league will be the first basketball that takes place in area

since high school basketball was shut-down just shy of the state finals. In youth basketball, the Szlats Memorial Tournament in Chicopee was just beginning when the state banned all recreational activities. As the state continues its re-opening process, it is possible the Spec Pond League will be able to ease some restrictions in Phase 4, if that phase is implemented sometime in July. Each phase of the governor’s plans is supposed to last three weeks if there are no setbacks. There is a registration packet now available online for the league. To access it, go to <https://www.leagueline-up.com/welcome.asp?url=specpond>.

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will take some time in order for people to see an effect. “There are a few phases to reopening,” said Bloomberg. “But within those phases there are different parts. Right now we’re in part one of phase one, after testing and reviewing information we’ll move to part two of phase one. I’m happy to see people out, and safely enjoying the streets, but I’m concerned that the virus isn’t completely gone so we need to take precautions.” Bloomberg said there are four departments that play a role in leading the reopening of the city. Including the Board of Health, the Mayor’s Office, The Department of Public Works, and Licensing and Permitting. These groups will be monitoring the results of the reopening, and will be working to get the city back to normal. “State orders go above any and all city orders,” said Bloomberg. “So every city and town in Massachusetts has to follow these guidelines. It’s still really early to tell the results, and there’s still more information coming in. We’re following the steps and guidelines and are hoping to see results in two to three weeks.” The town officials are trying to utilize the Community Development Block Grant, to help city resources. Such as safe walking and biking on sidewalks and park enhancement, as people start to integrate into the community more. This is currently being planned out, but there are hopes to expand walking and biking

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a good guy I enjoyed talking with him. I excited to get to work and start making changes and helping where I’m needed.” Velis said. “When I meet with people, I like to go to them. I want to go where they are and have a conversation where they go day to day, where they’re comfortable and in their zone.” Velis spoke about wanting to meet with each mayor as they become available, and how he’s enjoyed speaking with new town officials over the past week. “My intent over the next couple of weeks is to meet with the heads of government to kind of begin getting together and create a listening party to find the need in each town.” Velis said. “I like to sit down with people, I’m a real people person as well as a politician and I’d like to show it can be a good thing.” Part of Velis’ campaign included how he’s “fighting to overcome partisan divides to improve the lives of his constituents.” Velis explains that he has a unique approach to politics and tends to not get caught in the fight between Democrats and Republicans, but rather he tries to hear both sides and work with them to come to the best conclusion for those he represents. Velis is a veteran and was a Major in the U.S Army Reserves, he explains that his Army background has helped his political approach to see all sides. “When you’re told to do something in the Army you

areas as well as outdoor spaces. Throughout this process, residents and citizens are asked to wear masks outside in the general public and inside businesses. Citizens are also encouraged to have sanitizer or disinfectant to help protect themselves and others during this time. This includes businesses as well, in addition to the public health inspectors that will be involved with the reopening of the city. Bloomberg says city officials are looking to add inspectors for the reopening, as well as including inspectors to help educate businesses and citizens on COVID-19. City officials are trying to keep their residents safe while following state guidelines, and want them to understand the situation they are in. Bloomberg also explains that the reopening plan will include adapting, refining, and educating until a specific vaccine or treatment is found. City officials will be actively working on making this as easy of a process as it can be, there will be temporary adjustments, but they are in place for safety. Though there were no closures of state parks or most open spaces, playgrounds and dog parks were closed. Bloomberg said the city is working on re-opening playgrounds and dog parks, but that the reopening plan requires hand washing stations in these areas. The city officials are looking into this and are working toward getting these areas open as soon as possible. The city officials are working closely on each part of each phase to reopen the city and are expecting some results within the next few weeks.

don’t first ask ‘are you a Democrat or a Republican?’” Velis said. “You listen to what’s needed and you get your job done. The Army taught me to achieve my objective over anything else, and I will apply that to my State Senator role.” Velis says that he frequently crosses the party lines, and mainly wants to help people come to a conclusion easily and swiftly. While Velis explains that his position of State Senator comes with a very different role and the sheer size and volume of people reaching out has increased, he’s looking forward to stepping into his role and helping as much as he can. Recently he has been focused on providing COVID-19 relief to the 11 communities he oversees. Velis is spearheading the COVID recovery and has been in contact with the vice chairman of Labor Development to help accommodate the towns he represents. He’s also been in contact with the CDC and is leading discussions and committees for his towns relief. “I can’t express how happy I am to fill this role,” said Velis. “I hope when I get going people say ‘he’s the hardest working and most accessible senator we’ve ever had’ because then I’ll know I’ve done something right. I’m going to stay in public office for as long as I can serve the people who voted me in.” While there are no term limits for state senator, Velis is focusing on the present and what he needs to get done while he’s in the position.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. HD20P0850EA
Estate of:
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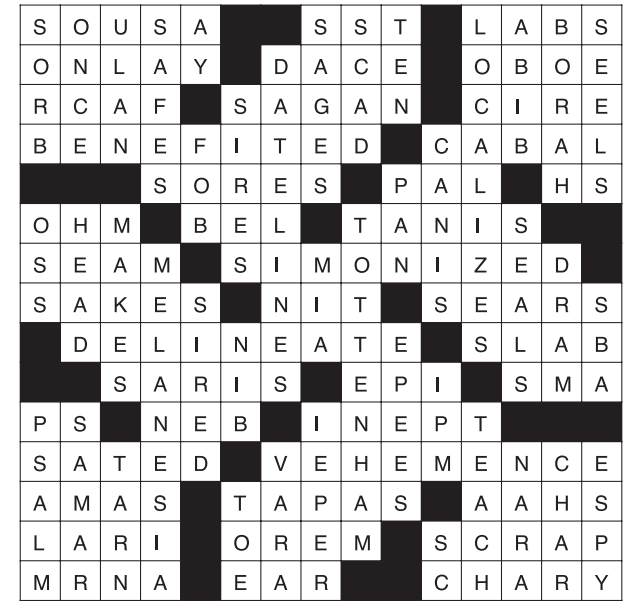
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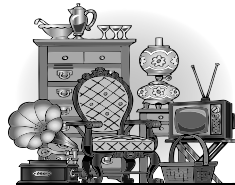
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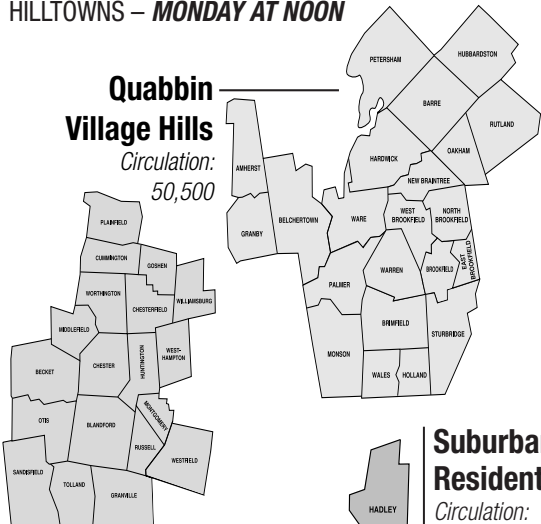
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Each of the three, 45-minute remote sessions will meet from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and focus on a different government funding source: June 18 (Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund); June 25 (U.S. Small Business Administration); and July 2 (Registered Apprenticeships, a program of the U.S. Dept. of Labor). Session leaders will talk about program requirements, funding availability, and application processes.

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Drapeau, Roland

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Senior drive-around



The Holyoke High School Class of 2020 will not have its graduation ceremony until early August. But the class got a chance to celebrate together with a parade around the city last Sunday morning. High school officials are hoping to have a “close-to” traditional graduation on Aug. 2.

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